

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 501

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Hunter N. Jones upon his election as the 2016 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society, and Hunter N. Jones, of Boy Scout Troop 405 was recently elected the 2016 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Lafayette, Hunter Jones is an animal science student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and plans to attend medical school upon graduation. He has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers and is an active member of several organizations, including Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, All Campus Events Committee, and Student Alumni Associates; and

WHEREAS, Hunter has served in various positions in the Order of the Arrow, including as Chapter Chief of the Walton Trail District and Lodge Chief for the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, which has the distinct honor of having more youth elected as National Chief than any other lodge in the country; and

WHEREAS, during his term as National Chief, Hunter will travel extensively as a youth ambassador for Scouting, serve as a member of the Boy Scouts of America's national executive board, participate in numerous seminars and other training activities, and lead the planning of NEXT: A New Century. He will also meet with President Obama at the White House and deliver a Report to the Nation on Scouting; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service to Scouting, Hunter Jones has received numerous awards and honors, including the Vigil Honor, the Founder's Award, the Centurion Award, and the Venturing Silver Award; he is also the recipient of the 2012 Walter R. Courtenay Eagle Scout Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, believing strongly in community service, Hunter has been active in the National FFA Organization and received the prestigious American Degree; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Hunter Jones as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Hunter N. Jones upon his election as the 2016 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.